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1. THE POLISH ARMED FORCES NEWSPAPER, ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI, ON JANUARY 6 CARRIED AN ARTICLE BY LESLAW WOJTASIK ENTITLED "POISONED WAVES -- IDEOLOGICAL DIVERSION." THE PIECD ACCUSES THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OF STRENGTHENING RFE'S PROPAGANDA CAPABILITIES. WOJTASIK DESCRIBES THE DEBATE OVER RFE ORGANIZATION AS A "SMOKESCREEN" TO FACILITATE RETOOLING RFE FOR "MORE FLEXIBLE" PROPAGANDA ASSAULTS IN THE POST-HELSINKI ERA. WOJTASIK SAYS THAT WESTERN EMPHASIS ON THE "SO-CALLED THIRD BASKET" AND "FREER FLOW OF INFORMATION" IS PART OF THE STRATEGY FOR GAINING ACCEPTANCE OF ITS RENEWED IDEOLOGICAL OFFENSIVE IN THE CONTEXT
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OF THE CSCE FINAL ACT.

2. WOJTASIK CITES THE STANTION REPORT, THE "HIGH QUALIFICATIONS" OF SIG MICKELSON, AND CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI'S SUPPORT FOR INCREASED RFE BUDGETS AS EVIDENCE THAT NEW IDEOLOGICAL SUBVERSION IS IN THE WORKS.

3. COMMENT: ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI'S FRONTAL ATTACK DIFFERS IN TONE FROM OTHER RECENT POLISH PRESS EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH BASKET THREE ISSUES IN AN UPBEAT MANNER, WITH SPECIAL STRESS ON POLAND'S GOOD RECORD IN THE CULTURAL EXCHANGES AREA. THE WOJTESIK ARTICLE REFLECTS CONTINUING POLISH IRRITATION OVER THE EXISTANCE OF RFE. IN A RECENT EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ABOUT BELGRADE '77 (REF B), A MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL TOLD THE CHARGE THE GOP REGARDS RFE/RL BROADCASTING AS A VIOLATION OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT. END COMMENT.
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